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SUBJECT: VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF TRADE MISSION FROM
THE

ATHENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY PRESIDENT CHRISTOS PANAGOS OF THE ATHENS CHAMBE OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CONCERNING A TRADE AND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT MISSION HE INTENDS TO LEAD TO THE UNITED STATES IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER 1977.

2. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST SUCH A MISSION IN RECENT MEMORY AND WILL INCLUDE ABOUT TEN IMPORTANT GREEK BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS OF THE ATHENS CHAMBER, THE AMERICAN-HELLENIC CHAMBE OF COMMERCE, THE HELLENIC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK, THE FEDERATION OF GREEK INDUSTRIALISTS AND SEVERAL PROMINENT GREEK BUSINESSMEN. THE MISSION WILL VISIT WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, CHICAGO, DETROIT AND PERHAPS ATLANTA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MISSION WILL BE TO DEVELOP TRADE AND INVESTMENT TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES, IN GENERAL.

3. PRESIDENT PANAGOS HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE, THE ITINERARY FOR THE GROUP. MR PANAGOS HAS REQUESTED THAT THE GROUP CALL ON SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JUANITA KREPS AND, IF POSSIBLE, CONGRESSMAN BRADEMANS AND SENATOR SARBANES. IN WASHINGTON THE GROUP WOULD LIKE MEETINGS WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND STATE,
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THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK, AND CONGRESSIONAL PERSONALITIES AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

4. IN NEW YORK PRESIDENT PANAGOS HAS SUGGESTED A VISIT TO THE NEW YORK PORT AUTHORITY, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NEW YORK AND THE HELLENIC-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

5. IN CHICAGO, DETROIT AND ATLANTA, MEETINGS COULD BE SCHEDULED WITH APPROPRIATE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, U.S. BANKS WITH OPERATIONS IN GREECE, U.S. FIRMS WITH INVESTMENT OR TRADE DEALINGS WITH GREECE, U.S. FIRMS WITH INVESTMENT OR TRADE DEALINGS WITH GREECE, ETC. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME FURTHER SUGGESTIONS AS TO POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO ABOVE POSSIBILITIES.

6. VISIT TO CHICAGO MAY COINCIDE WITH BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE, MCCORMICK PLACE, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 1-3.

7. COMATT WILL BE MEETING AGAIN WITH PANAGOS BEFORE END OF AUGUST, THUS WE WOULD APPRECIATE TIMELY REPLY.
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